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was born in 1796, near Norwich, Conn. His parents removing to Otsego Co., N. Y., he worked on the farm, attending school in winter till his 18th year, when, without his father's encouragement, he entered Hartwick Academy, supporting himself there by chopping and selling wood. He entered the Junior class at Union, as did most students previous to the war, maintained himself by teaching in vacations, and graduated in 1820 with P. B. K. honors. In 1821 he settled in Cadiz, Ohio, and began the practice of Law, marrying in 1823. In 1849, he exchanged the duties of his profession for those of a bank presidency held during the remainder of his life. He was also a prominent member of the State Board of Control of the State Bank of Ohio and active in the construction and management of several railroads and insurance companies. In politics, he was a conservative Republican. He was a State Senator for two years.

He died of an acute disease of the kidneys, Feb. 15th, 1880, in his 84th year, leaving a widow, three sons and a daughter. He was a kind and wise counselor to all who needed advice, and helped many to success by timely loans and encouragement. He gave liberally and quietly to every local object of benevolence. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The general respect and affection for him were expressed by the closing of the public schools and of all houses of business during his funeral.

CHAUNCEY DEWEY, 1820, of Hartwick, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpbic Society.
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Lawyer and President of the Harrison National Bank of Cadiz, Ohio, was born, March 27, 1796, near Norwich, Connecticut, and is a son of the late Eliphalet and Rachael (Hyde) Dewey. His father was a native of Windham county, Conn., who was a farmer by occupation, and removed from Connecticut in 1798 to Otsego county, New York, where he settled on the Susquehanna river, in that county, where he lived until 1834, and then proceeded to Oswego county, in that state. In 1836 he went to Ohio and located at Cadiz, Harrison county, where he died in 1837. He was a soldier in the revolutionary war. His wife was a native of Norwich, Conn., a lineal descendant of Chancellor Hyde of England; she survived her husband ten years, having died in Cadiz in 1847. Chauncey worked on the farm until he was eighteen years old, attending school in the winter. In 1814 he was drafted into a military company, and marched to Sackett's Harbor to repel an anticipated attack of the British, and was in service about seven weeks. On his return he entered Hartwick Academy, in Otsego county, New York, where he pursued a course of literary study until the summer of 1818, and became proficient in the classics. In the same year he passed the requisite examinations prior to entering the junior class of Union College, Schenectady, New York, then under the supervision of the celebrated Dr. Eliphalet Nott. He graduated from that institution in 1820, and in the same year commenced the study of law at Cooperstown, Otsego county, under the preceptorship of Samuel Starkweather, a prominent attorney of that place, and continued so engaged for a year, and in 1821 removed to Cadiz, Ohio, where he completed his legal studies, and was admitted to the bar in the following year. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in Cadiz, and so continued until 1845, being a partner for a number of years with the late Hon. Edwin M. Stanton. In 1845 he became connected with the Harrison branch of the State Bank of Ohio, at Cadiz, and soon afterwards was elected its President. He devoted the greater portion of his time to the interests of this institution until 1865, when its business was closed and the Harrison National Bank was organized as its successor, of which he was elected President, and has so continued until the present time, beside being its principal stockholder. He is also largely interested as a shareholder in the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Company; in the Jefferson Insurance Company of Steubenville; in the Franklin Insurance Company of Wheeling; and also in the Amazon Insurance Company of Cincinnati. He has been more or less a contributor to colleges and theological schools. He was a member of the Ohio Senate from 1841 to 1843, resigning before the expiration of his term of service. He has never aspired to any political office. In politics he is a Republican, and gave his first Presidential vote, in 1824, in favor of John Quincy Adams. He is a Presbyterian in religious belief. He is a man of the most inflexible integrity and unimpeachable character; he has always led a temperate life, and, though he has passed his eightieth year, is still active and energetic in his business. He was married in February, 1823, to Nancy, daughter of John Pritchard, formerly of Fayette county, Pa., but who was one of the pioneer settlers of Harrison county, Ohio, whither he removed in 1807. He is the father of ten children.

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